

CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ROBERT E. LANG, 02056287, First Lieutenant, Army of the United States, Headquarters 2677th Regiment, Office of Strategic Services, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in the Mediterranean Theater from 15 January 1944, to 11 October 1944. As Chief of the Office of Strategic Services Message Center in Algiers, North Africa, First Lieutenant Lang was charged with working out the cipher phase of Office of Strategic Services participation in the invasion of Southern France. So successful was the resulting system that of the ninety-three messages transmitted between 9 and 16 August 1944, ninety-two were received in perfect order. In spite of the intricacies involved in processing messages, under First Lieutenant Lang's supervision information of urgent interest to the command of the Seventh Army was received aboard the headquarters ships within two hours of the time it was transmitted by the agent in Southern France to the Algiers Radio Station.